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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Nicosia, A. <i>et al.</i>		
Serial No.:	09/463,098	Case No.:	ITR0019P
Filed:	May 15, 2000		
For:	MIMOTOPES OF HYPERVARIABLE REGION 1 OF THE E2 GLYCOPROTEIN OF HCV AND USES THEREOF		

Art Unit: 1639

Examiner: Wessendorf, Teresa D.

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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